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Gold Pen with carved pearl handle, in handsome silk plush box, an exceedingly neat and useful gift for a lady.....\$1.25

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There are not less than two hundred styles of plain and fancy stationery. Here are a few:

Checker-board Box — With 50 sheets of new French linen paper and 50 envelopes; half blue and half white; also box of crown checkers; an elegant gift

\$1.25
"The Old Curiosity Shop"—a genuine novelty, being a reproduction of this world-famed spot; the house contains 50 sheets paper and 50 envelopes tied with white satin ribbon. \$1.00

Whiting's two-fold note with new square flap envelope..... \$0.60 box

Whiting's Tapestry Cabinet box filled with 50 sheets French organdy and 50 envelopes; in lavender, gray, white or blue..... \$0.60 box

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VIOLATED LAW ON THE TIDAL CANAL

The Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Company was found guilty yesterday by a jury in the United States District Court of having violated the Federal eight-hour law. The company is engaged dredging operations for the Government in the tidal canal at Alameda. On Monday the San Francisco Bridge Company was tried on the same charge and found not guilty. The maximum of the fine that can be imposed is \$100.

MRS. CARRIE WRIGHT, an employee of the Southern Pacific Company, gave the testimony against the dredging company. Reilly has been employed in shifting the dirt after it had been removed by the company. He testified that he saw the employees working ten hours a day for a number of days.

COMBINE IN BIDS FOR HARBOR WORK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The War Department has received bids recently opened in San Francisco for the improvement of Oakland Harbor. The lowest bidder is Warren H. Pomroy of San Jose. There are indications of a combination against Pomroy by other bidders, and Senator Perkins proposes to look into the situation. He intimated that an attempt was being made to have Pomroy shut out, and said he would interview General Gilispie on the subject.

APPLIES FOR LETTERS.

CHARLES KING WOULD CHANGE HIS NAME.

Charles King of San Leandro has petitioned to be allowed to change his name to Charles King Cocher. He is a native of England and was born Charles King Cocher, but dropped the last name when he came to America. Now he wishes to assume it, he says, as he expects thereby to inherit property in his native land.

HONOR MEMORY OF BROTHER

MASS CELEBRATED FOR REPOSE OF SOUL OF LATE BROTHER ERMINOLD.

It was just one month ago today that the late Brother Erminold, president of St. Mary's College, passed away and at the college today a month's mind service was said and solemn high requiem mass was said.

The services were conducted in the college chapel with the Rev. J. E. Cottle of the class of '77 as the celebrant. The deacon was the Rev. J. J. Cranwell and the sub-deacon was the Rev. J. J. Sutcliffe of the class of '77. The master of ceremonies was the Rev. J. P. Coyle of the class of '76.

During the solemn services the college choir rendered suitable music.

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At the conclusion of the services a luncheon was served in the dining room.

Bethel Burnham, a resident of Glenmore, Ireland, and was in his forty-eighth year when he died. Although comparatively young to hold so important a position as president of St. Mary's College, he was well fitted in all ways for the high duties which he held as is evinced by the high regard in which he was held by his fellow-educators and the students of the college.

The parlors will be lined with artistically-decorated booths, on which a great variety of fancy goods, pictures, bric-a-brac and confectionery will be displayed. The creation genius of the Sisters, and the young ladies of the convent will be displayed in a thousand and one ways and will undoubtedly gladden the hearts of visitors and impress them to secure possession of them.

The bottlers will be under the charge of a caterer of very young ladies.

The proceeds of the Mass will be applied to the purchase of scientific instruments needed in the young ladies' department of the Seminary.

FLORAL SHOW IS ON.

The floral show and bag social being given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Golden Gate Presbyterian Church in spacious rooms in the Golden Gate Building will continue to attract crowds. The ladies have many new articles on sale and the refreshment counter is well stocked with goodies. The admission is free.

CEMENT SIDEWALK.

N. Christensen, who conducts the Golden Gate Hotel, is making preparations to lay a cement sidewalk in front of his place of business.

VISITS HIS OLD HOME.

John Snell, a former resident of Golden Gate, was a recent visitor here as the guest of Captain Probst. Mr. Snell spent a pleasant visit renewing his old acquaintances and visiting among the neighbors.

LODGE MEETS.

There was a regular meeting of the Tree Camp of the Woodmen of the World in Klinckner Hall last night.

PORTO RICANS ARE IN DISTRESS.

ASK CONGRESS TO SEND THEM BACK TO THEIR ISLAND HOMES.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 2, via San Francisco, Dec. 9.—At a mass meeting of Porto Ricans held in Hilo a resolution was adopted providing for a committee to ask Congress to send the Porto Ricans who are in Hawaii back to their own country. Congress will be memorialized in their behalf. They are mostly destitute and many of them are very anxious to return to Porto Rico. The Porto Ricans in Hawaii were brought by the Planters' Association nearly two years ago to be plantation laborers. From the first there was trouble with them and there have been charges and counter-charges and investigations ever since. The Porto Ricans have declared that they were ill treated, and Governor Dole has just finished a report of an investigation made at the request of the authorities at Washington. He found that the charges of ill treatment were not sustained by the facts. The planters who employed the Porto Ricans declare that those who came here were mainly the criminal and vagrant element and that they are worthless as laborers. The police records show an extraordinary proportion of Porto Ricans among the arrests made since they came here, a majority of the arrests being for vagrancy. The Porto Ricans were able to do some work but, being on the spot and willing to do what he can to prevent a crisis, Mr. Bowen may be allowed some measure of discretionary power.

The State Department is perfectly aware of the intentions of the British and German governments and has been sound in its way of relieving it. A tow of the East Side today revealed the fact that there is much suffering among the poor. The operators have ceased to send coal to be sold by the pail, and the tenement dwellers find it difficult to get fuel.

THE GRAND JURY.

The Territorial Grand Jury, which has been investigating the scandals in connection with public officials, has made its final report to Judge Bolt.

The jury comments severely on the failure of the Auditor to carry out the orders of the Senate, but find an indictment in that department. The matter of the responsibility of Government officials for the escape of Treasurer William H. Wright, after he was known to be about \$18,000 short, is suggested as a subject for an investigation by the Senate. The result of the investigation will be that the price will be raised 20 per cent more and that the new price would go into effect at noon. This increased advance will affect every grade of sugar that is put on the market. It is claimed by the refiners that the rise in price is due to the shortage of the world's crop of raw sugar. This shortage is particularly heavy in Germany.

SENATE COMMITTEE.

The Senate committee appointed to investigate the Auditor's department has reported to the Senate that the Auditor that Auditor H. C. Austin be removed from office for failure to carry on the work of his office and for conduct improper in an official.

The charge of the Auditor that he attempted to borrow public funds from other officers of the Government was sustained by the committee. The Senate approved the report and Austin is therefore out of office. Austin has been kept out of his office by a guard of police since his departure.

He contested the legal power of the Senate to sustain the report received from Judge Gear a writ of mandamus ordering that he be reinstated. An appeal was taken from the writ, but Gear held that the appeal did not stay the writ, and contempt proceedings were about to be begun against the court. The Senate, however, voted to sustain the report of their refusal to obey the court's order when the action of the Senate ended the matter by removing Austin's right to resume charge of the office.

The office of Superintendent Boyd is under guard in the same way and action is expected in his case tomorrow in the Senate.

LECTURE AT THE CO-OPERATIVE HOME

The fourth lecture of the series arranged by the Success Club will be held this evening at the Co-operative Home, 662 East Twelfth street. Good speakers will be in attendance.

TALKED ABOUT CREMATORIUM.

The Burlingame Board discussed the proposed Garbage Crematory franchise on Tuesday evening. Councilman Dowling was invited to explain the proposition.

Address was made by Attorney Theodore Henry T. Tim Sinden, Mr. Harry Edgar Pomroy, A. F. Hess and Councilman Wallace.

FOUR KILLED IN EXPLOSION.

TEN ARE INJURED IN A DYNA-MITE EXPLOSION AT THE MOLE.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 9.—By an explosion of gas in the South Wilkesbarre mine of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company today, seventeen men were killed and eight injured.

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In our windows you will now see a display of boys' shoes that carry out these ideas better than any other shoe we know of—set them.

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**LAYING PIPE LINE
AT YARDS.****WILL CONNECT AIR COMPRESSOR
WITH THE BIG OIL
TANK.****SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY**

has commenced the construction of a pipe line that will eventually connect the oil plant at the West Oakland yards with the air compressor at the shops. The distance covered by the pipe line will be

one-half mile.

The new locomotives of the Atlantic type, recently purchased by the Southern Pacific Company, are in the round house being renumbered. The one that was formerly No. 273 will hereafter be known as No. 3010 and the other, formerly No. 277, will be designated as No. 3014.

**NOTES AND PERSONALS
GATHERED AT THE YARDS**

George Trumbell, an engineer, cut one of his fingers quite badly yesterday while engaged in cleaning the headlight on his locomotive. The breaking of the glass on the headlight caused the injury.

John T. Shavin is back in his old position, after being confined to his home with illness.

Jack O'Connor of the back shop is repairing the sick list.

Captain Redington of the Solano is in the railroad hospital for treatment.

Workmen are engaged in laying a pipe line from the hot water tank to the round house.

George Hoffman of the Retail Grocers' Association is out to speak upon a proposed law to make the manufacturer responsible for the purity of goods instead of the retailer.

Mr. Hoffman replied that all importers dealing in collecting debts and he knew the difference between a defendant upon this matter and that making public officers' salaries subject to attachment. Likewise spoke in favor of the other measures favored by the merchants.

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MERCHANTS TALK OF NEW ORDINANCE.

BELIEVE THE GARBAGE FRANCHISE WILL RESULT IN BENEFIT TO THE CITY.

The directors of the Merchants' Exchange held a meeting last night to discuss public matters. The directors present were:

George W. Arper, H. C. Capwell, J. T. Chapman, H. C. Coward, H. D. Cushing, H. N. Card, Theo. Gier, A. J. Jones, F. J. Lee, E. F. Muller, Fred Sinclair, W. H. Wellby, F. W. Soth, G. H. Williams and Wilber Walker.

Secretary Alville Walker reported in regard to the tunnel matter that President Ober and Director Soth had obtained some additional subscriptions.

President Gier said that a full report on the subject would be made at the next meeting.

Director G. W. Arper, chairman of the garbage committee, reported that the garbage ordinance had been amended in accordance with the suggestions of the Exchange except in one particular. On this point, a compromise had been arrived at. In regard to the disposal of garbage from hotels and restaurants, it was found by the committee that in such cases the proprietors of such places obtained some revenue from the disposition of garbage. It would therefore be manifest injustice to compel hotelmen and restauranteurs to turn over their garbage over to the company. The attorney for the company agreed that this was so and the ordinance was amended in accordance. The measure was also amended so that apartment houses were classified with hotels and lodging houses so that the charge for removing garbage would not be so great as if apartment houses were not so classified. There were some other amendments, the point being that being in relation to the charge for making more than one removal of garbage per week. The speaker, in conclusion, stated that the committee believed that the establishment of the proposed ordinance would be a big step in advance and the same would result in great benefit. The increased cost of removing the garbage over the present cost, the speaker claimed, would not any more than pay the expense of cremating it.

Secretary Walker said it was provided in the garbage ordinance that the city could not collect the crematoria by paying the bill, but the purchase price due at any time in view that there should be any dissatisfaction with the company's management.

The following invitation from the New Era Club, the gentleman's organization of the First M. E. Church, was unanimous:

"At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the New Era Club, it was expressed with that the members of the Merchants' Exchange be invited to be present at the next regular meeting of the club to be held Thursday evening, December 18, 1902, to participate in the First Methodist Church, Fourteenth and Clay streets. The speaker of the evening will be Irving M. Scott of the Union Iron Works, and his subject will be 'The Story of Commerce.' It is hoped that as many members as possible of the Merchants' Exchange will be the guests of the club on December 18th."

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